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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Scheduled Briefing of Representative Craig Hosmer (R. , Calif.)
on the Moscow ABM System

25X1 1. In response to a request made by Colonel Seymour Schwiller, a relatively new member on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, [redacted] OSI, Mr. David Brandwein, FMSAC, and I went to the office of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy at approximately 0930 hours this morning to brief Representative Craig Hosmer (R. , Calif.) on the Moscow ABM system. At the time Colonel Schwiller made his request he indicated that, while Hosmer was primarily interested in the Moscow ABM system, he was also interested in [redacted] other aspects of the Soviet missile system. 25X1

2. At 0855 hours, Mr. George Murphy, of the Committee staff, called and informed me that he had learned quite by accident that Colonel Schwiller had also made arrangements for a Colonel George Montgomery and Mr. Charles R. Weisser, who Murphy described as the Assistant Director of Defense Systems, OSD, to be present and to participate in this morning's briefing. Murphy knew, that as a matter of past practice, the Agency preferred to conduct its briefing's without outside participation and appeared somewhat irritated that Schwiller had made these arrangements. Since the Joint Committee's Staff Director, Ed Bauser, was out of town, Murphy was acting staff director and had responsibility. I confirmed to Murphy that I was not happy with the prospect of a joint briefing arrangement, particularly, on such short notice and especially, since Montgomery did not have compartmented clearances and we did not have sufficient time to check on Weisser's. I agreed to proceed to the Hill, however, on the basis that we would work out the situation on the scene.

3. Upon our arrival at the Committee rooms, we were met by Murphy who escorted us to a side office. In private, he advised us that Montgomery and Weisser had begun their briefing of Representative Hosmer and that Colonel Schwiller was also in attendance. Murphy said he had mentioned to Hosmer some of the complications involved in a joint briefing arrangement and Hosmer had decided to proceed with the DOD briefing of U. S. programs

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as a starter. Murphy was going back into the meeting to determine Hosmer's wishes regarding our briefing. I told Murphy I wanted it clearly understood that we did not wish to offend Mr. Hosmer in any way and rather than make an issue would brief the Congressman with Weisser in attendance (I had been able to confirm Weisser's special clearances in the meantime.)

4. In a few minutes Murphy returned saying he had recommended to Mr. Hosmer that it would be better and less confusing for him if he did not receive briefings from both DOD and CIA concurrently and he stressed the sensitive security aspects of our briefing. Mr. Hosmer then made the decision to proceed with the DOD briefing and to cancel our briefing for the time being. Mr. Murphy assured me that Mr. Hosmer knew of our willingness to brief him and had made this decision on his own. Underlying these negotiations was an atmosphere of irritation on the part of Murphy that Schwiller had made these unusual arrangements without consulting him.

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